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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

The Restriction Requirement mailed May 20, 2003 requires a restriction to one of the following groups: Group I (claims 1-17) drawn to a method for making optical fiber, or Group II (claims 18-21) drawn to a waveguide system. In response to the Restriction Requirement, the applicants hereby elect Group I, claims 1-17, drawn to a method for making optical fiber, and expressly reserves the right to file divisional applications or take such other appropriate measures deemed necessary to protect the inventions in the remaining claims.

Should the Examiner have further questions or comments with respect to examination of the case, it is respectfully requested the Examiner telephone the undersigned attorney so that further examination of this application can be expedited.

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those, which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR §1.136(a), and any fee required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2074.

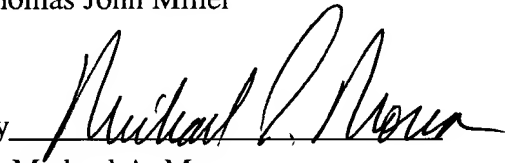
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